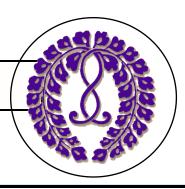
### **REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH**

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#### http://reedleybc.org



1 Sunamoto Family Memorial Service	11:00 AM
9 February Shotsuki, Nirvana Day, & Family Dharma Service	10:00 AM
Reedley BWA Meeting (following service & lunch)	12:00 PM
20 Reedley BC Board Meeting	7:00 PM
28 - March 1 - BCA National Council Meeting on Zoom	all day

**February Calendar** 

### Rev. Majima Out of Town

Rev. Majima will be out of town from January 27 - February 6th. If you need assistance, please contact president elect, Mrs. Joy Donaldson at (559) 859-7861.

## |7th Crab Feed & Silent Auction

Please encourage friends and family to come out and support the 17th Crab Feed & Silent Auction! Tickets are now on sale and there is a limited supply! If you purchase your tickets early, you can choose to sit with your party and/or have a fun time together!

Tickets can be purchased from Vickie Nishida, Gary Sakata, Joy Donaldson, or any church board member would be happy to help you obtain your tickets!

We are also asking for donations for our Silent Auction! You can purchase items, donate gift cards, solicit donations, or donate cash and we'll do the shopping for you! Please let us know if you can help us out!

#### FEBRUARY TOBAN:

Church Toban: N. Kimura, Kajihara & Sakata



BWA: Group 2: Kathy Nishinaka

#### February Monthly Memorial Shotsuki, Nirvana Day, & Family Dharma Service

#### Sunday, February 9, 2025

10:00 AM

Lunch will be served following the service.







Congratulations to longtime Reedley BC church member, Ben Nobuhiro who turned 100 on Christmas Day! He is pictured here with his daughter Phyllis on New Year's Day at our Shusho-E service. Wishing you many more to come!

## In Sympathy 🕺



Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mrs. Sumiko (Nakagawa) Ichiuji,** sister of Mrs. Midori Iwasaki, who passed away on December 29, 2024 at the age of 97 years old.



#### Message from Rev. Majima

#### The Buddha's Final Teaching: Anuruddha's Insight and the Nirvana Scroll



February is the month of Nirvana Day, a time to commemorate the Buddha's passing into Nirvana. This sacred occasion invites us to reflect on the Buddha's final teachings and their enduring relevance. Depictions of the Buddha's final moments are beautifully portrayed in the Nirvana Scroll, which prominently features Anuruddha, one of

the Buddha's closest disciples. His role in these scenes symbolizes mindfulness, insight, and the interconnectedness of all beings.

#### Anuruddha in the Nirvana Scrolls

The Nirvana Scroll often depicts the Buddha lying serenely on his deathbead, surrounded by his disciples followers, and even animals, all mourning his imminent passing. Among them, Anuruddha stands out for his calm and composed demeanor. With his deep spiritual insight, Anuruddha perceives the Buddha's peaceful state of mind and helps guide the grieving disciples by reminding them of the Buddha's teachings.

Anuruddha's presence in the Nirvana Scroll serves not only as a testament to his devotion but also as a reminder of his pivotal role in transmitting the Dharma. His insight into the impermanence of life and his understanding of Nirvana as the continuity of the Dharma emphasize the timeless nature of the Buddha's teachings.

#### Anuruddha's Exceptional Insight

Anuruddha was renowned for his extraordinary spiritual vision amon the Buddha's disciples. As the Buddha approached his final moments, Anuruddha used his exceptional insight to discern the Buddha's serene state of mind. While others were overcome by grief, Anuruddha maintained his composure, providing strength to the sangha by explaining that the Buddha's passing was not an end but a transition, affirming the external nature of the Dharma.

#### Lessons from the Buddha's Last Words

The Buddha's final words, as recorded in the Mahaparinirvana Sutra, offer profound guidance: "All things

## that ariee will eventually pass away. Continue to persevere with unwavering effort."

This reminder urges us to accept the impermanence of all things and remain steadfast on the path of awakening. Anuruddha's mindfulness embodies this teaching, showing us how to face life's uncertainties with equanimity and wisdom.

#### **Reflecting on Nirvana Day**

Nirvana Day is an opportunity to contemplate the impermanence of life and the interconnectedness of all beings. The figure of Anuruddha is the Nirvana Scroll inspires us to cultivate mindfulness and compassion, recognizing each moment as an opportunity to deepen our understanding and share the Dharma with others.

As we observe this sacred day, may the wisdom of the Buddha and the teachings of disciples like Anuruddha guide us in our daily lives. Let us honor their legacy by striving to embody these principles, embracing impermanence with grace and gratitude.

Namo Amida Butsu

#### The Buddha and the Little Monk (for the students)

Long, long ago in India, there was a wonderful teacher named the Buddha. He spent his life teaching people how to live happily and find peace. One day, the Buddha called his disciples together and said, "I will soon leave this world. But before I go, I want to share something very important with you." The disci-



ples were heartbroken to hear this, but they listened carefully as the Buddha continued. "Everything in this world will change someday. Everything that is born will eventually come to an end. But instead of being sad about these changes, focus on doing your best with what you can do right now.

Among the Buddha's disciples was a young novice monk, a little boy who was just beginning his training.



When he heard that the Buddha was going to leave, he started to cry. "Buddha," he said, "why do you have to go? There's still so much I want to learn from you!"

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#### Message from Rev. Majima

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2月は涅槃会の月、お釈迦さまが入滅された日をしのぶたりな機会です。この日を 整定して、お釈迦さまが入滅された日をしのがたりな機会です。この日を 変迎えるにあたり、私たちはお釈迦さまが説かれた数々の教えの中で、阿弥陀さまの本願 について敬めて心気刻むひとときとしたいと思います。

南赤花さまの 本顔 は、お 釈迦さまが 私たちに 伝えてくださった 大切 な 教えの 一つです 。『無量寿経』をはじめとする 浄土三部経 において、お 釈迦 さまは 南赤花 さまの 本顔 がいか に 私たちを 掬い 取 るものであるかを 朝らかにされました。 南弥花 さまの 本顔 は、 煩悩 に 迷い 苦しむ 私たち 一人 ひとりを 決して 覚 をてることなく、すべての 人をそのままの 茶 物 い 取 るという 大 いなる 慈悲 のはたらきです。

お 釈迦 さまは「諸行無常」を 説 かれ、 すべてのものが 移り 変 わり、 変化 することの 節 に 資実を 覓 つける 道を デ されました。しかし 高時 に、お 釈迦 さまが 説 かれた 南弥陀 さまの 教えは、この 無常の 節 にあっても 決して 変 わらない 光として 私 たちに寄り 添 い、 芯 にや すらぎを 掌 えてくださいます。

望繁図 に 描 かれるお 釈迦 さまの 最後 のお 婆は、 夢くの 弟子 や 動物 たちがその 教 えを 愛け 止 めようとする 婆 とともに 装現 されています。それは、お 釈迦 さまが 説 かれた 南弥陀 さまの 教 えが、時代 や 人を 越 えて、すべての 命を包み 込 むと 同時 に、 苦しみの 节 にあ る 粒 たちを 一人 ひとり 掬い 取 るはたらきを 持っていることを 篆徴 しているように 艶 えます。

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#### <u>The Budha and the Little</u> <u>Monk</u> cont. from pg. 2

The Buddha smiled kindly at the boy and spoke gently. "Even when I am no longers here, my teachings will remain. If you hold these

teachings dear and live by them, helping and supporting one another, it will be as if I am always with you."

Hearing these words, the little novice felt his sadness begin to ease. He wiped his tears and made a

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promise in his heart to never forget the Buddha's words. From that day on, he worked hard to study the teachings and became a wise monk who shared the Buddha's message with many people, helping them find happiness and peace just as the Buddha had taught.



Namo Amida Butsu





Reedley Buddhist Church and Silent Auc Saturday, March 15, 2025 **\$100.00 per person Includes:** Sushi, Udon, Chinese Chicken Salad, Bread, **Dessert, and ALL YOU CAN EAT STEAMED CRAB Doors open at 5:00 PM REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH 2035 15th Street, Reedley** www.reedleybc.org For tickets contact: Joy Donaldson (559-859-7861) or Gary Sakata (559-250-

9687) or ask any Reedley Board Member!



Church Acknowledges Da	na 🖧	January Shotsuki Memorial Service Don	<u>ations</u>
-		Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ikemiya	
The Family of Mrs. Nancy Sakata		In Memory of Joe Ikemiya & Fumiko	
In Memory of Mrs. Nancy Sakata	\$1,000.00	Ikemiya	200.00
The Family of Mr. Sam Bungo		Mrs. Nancy Kimura	
In Memory of Mr. Sam Bungo	700.00	In Memory of Akiko Shiroyama &	
Mr. & Mr. Larry Nishida		Kazuye Nagai	100.00
Use of Facilities	100.00	Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kubota	
Dr. & Mrs. Paul Sasaki		In Memory of Yoshio Kubota	100.00
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Mr. Dean Shiroyama		In Memory of Jimmy Bungo, Hazel Bungo,	
Special Donation	100.00	Ayako Bungo, & Esther Sasaki	100.00
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Joya-E Service Donation	50.00	In Memory of Wai Yamamoto, Yachiyo	50.00
Mrs. Lynn Kurumaji	50.00	<i>Aoki, &amp; Atsuko Aoki</i> Mr. Steve Kubota & Mr. Alan Kubota	50.00
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	50.00	Mr. & Mrs. Ben Nobuhiro	50.00
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Rev. Kakei & Rev. Midori Nakagawa	100.00	In Memory of Jozaburo Shimozono	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Nishinaka	$\begin{array}{c} 100.00\\ 75.00 \end{array}$	Ms. Lily Ikemiya	10.00
Mr. Byron Taira Mrs. Chizuko Iwasaki	75.00 50.00	In Memory of Joe Ikemiya & Fumiko	
Mrs. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki	50.00	Ikemiya	40.00
Ms. Amy Naito	50.00	Ms. Priscilla Kehoe	
Mr. Michael Naito	50.00	In Memory of Kango Togioka, Zantaro	
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji	50.00	Eisuke, Chiyo Togioka, Setsugo Togioka,	
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kubota	40.00	Goro Nikami, & Kame Nikami	40.00
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<u>December Shotsuki Memorial Service Donation</u>				
Ms. Priscilla Kehoe				
In Memory of Ken Togioka & Chizuyo				
Dobashi	\$	40.00		
<u>November Shotsuki Memorial Service Donation</u>				
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family				
In Memory of Shun Ikemiya		50.00		
Eitaikyo Service Donation				
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family		50.00		
<u>2024 Maintenance Fund</u>				
Mr. Craig Miyamoto		40.00		

#### 2024 Special Dana Donations Thank you for your generous Dana

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The 2025 Reedley Buddhist Church Cabinet, Board of Directors and BWA Cabinet were installed before the General Membership Meeting on January 25, 2025. Good luck to 2025 President Joy Donaldson and her cabinet.



#### TENTATIVE REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH SPECIAL EVENTS & SERVICES CALENDAR FOR 2025 (dates subject to change)

January	1	Wednesday	10:30 AM	New Year's Day Service (Shusho-E)
	12	Sunday	10:00 AM	Combined Hoonko Service/Combined Monthly Memorial
				Service/Family Dharma Service
	25	Saturday	5:00 PM	Installation Service & Dinner for Board & BWA
				General Membership Meeting
February	9	Sunday	10:00 AM	Combined Monthly Memorial/Family Dharma Service & Nirvana Day Service
28 (thru March 1)		FriSat.	National Council Meeting on Zoom – Bay District	
March	15	Saturday	5:00 PM	Crab Feed & Silent Auction
	30	Sunday	10:00 AM	Combined Ohigan/Monthly Memorial/Family Dharma Service
April	6	Sunday	10:00 AM	Hanamatsuri Service & Luncheon
	13	Sunday	10:00 AM	Monthly Memorial/Family Dharma Service
May	17	Saturday	7:00 PM	Reedley Obon
	18	Sunday	10:00 AM	Hatsubon Service
	25	Sunday	10:00 AM	Memorial Day Service/Monthly Memorial Service
June	8	Sunday	10:00 AM	Rennyo Shonin Memorial/Gotan-E, Monthly Memorial Service Family Dharma Service & Dharma School End of Term
July	11 - 13	Fri. – Sun.	All Day	Camp Dharma at Keola
	27	Sunday	10:00 AM	Monthly Memorial Service/Family Dharma Service
August	17	Sunday	10:00 AM	Monthly Memorial Service/Family Dharma Service
September	7	Sunday	10:00 AM	Monthly Memorial/Family Dharma Service/DS New Term & Ohigan Service
October	5	Sunday	10:00 AM	Combined Family Dharma Service & Eshinni Ko/Kakushinni Ko Memorial Service
	19	Sunday	10:00 AM	Monthly Memorial/Family Dharma Service
November	2	Sunday	3:00 PM	Reedley Food Bazaar
	16	Sunday	10:00 AM	Combined Eitaikyo Service/ Monthly Memorial Service & Family Dharma Service
December	7	Sunday	10:00 AM	Combined Bodhi Day/ Monthly Memorial/Family Dharma Service
	31	Wednesday	2:00 PM	New Year's Eve (Joya-E) Service
January	1	Thursday	10:00 AM	New Year's Day Service (Shusho-E) (2026)

BOLDED is activity – no service



### February Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service

The February Shotsuki Memorial Service will be conducted on **Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM.** Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for February are as follows:

#### **DECEASED:**

Sao HaradaMark AbSadie Abe & Tamotsu AbeMitchellCharles Teruo AntokuKay AntSuematsu Haraguchi & Mise AbeHatsuko

Yasuo Hashimoto **Bill Hirata** Laura Sachiko Hosaka & Kirk Hosaka Toshiko Hotta Harry Inn Yoshiko Inn & Machi Hobo Marv Ishida Jun "Jim" Iwo John Matsuno Michiko Teranishi Yoshiemon Kawakami & Kiku Kawakami Shiro Kawamoto & Kojiro Kawamoto George Kenji Kimura & Yoshiye Kimura

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#### **SESHU: (OBSERVANT)**

Mark Abe Mitchell Abe Kay Antoku Hatsuko Hanashiro Nori Hashimoto Art Hirata

Todd Hosaka Hotta Family Kiyoko Inn Gary Sakata Dale Ishida Lorraine Iwo Iris Justesen Leah Kawahara

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Lynnette Sasaki

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#### February Monthly Memorial Cont.

**DECEASED:** Tsutomu Sasaki

Mineto Shimizu Tomojiro Sugai, Tome Sugai, & Todd Sugai

Naka Sunamoto Irene Emiko Taira Lily Takasaki & Hanako Takasaki Itsuno Tsuneta

Fusakichi Tatami Sumiyo Morikawa, Mataichi Morikawa & Kazumi Morikawa

#### **SESHU:(OBSERVANT)**

Shirow Sasaki & Satoshi Sasaki Teruko Shibata

Janet Quiroz & Mary Uyeda Kathy Hamada Byron Taira Yukiye Takayama & Karen Takasaki Cathy Tanizaki Zachry Arthur Tatami

Ayako Yamada



#### Procedures for Requesting a Minister Funerals:

The family will contact the Funeral Chairperson Gary Sakata at (559) 250-9687.

#### <u>Makuragyo Service</u>:

To request a service please contact **Rev. Majima** at (949) 278-0120.

**Family Memorial Service:** 

**For services at the Reedley Buddhist Church**: Contact the **RBC President, Joy Donaldson** at (559) 859-7861 to check the availability of the Reedley Buddhist Church. Then contact Rev. Majima at (949) 278-0120 or at: rev.mmajima@gmail.com

**For Service at Family Home:** The family will contact Rev. Majima to arrange for a service.

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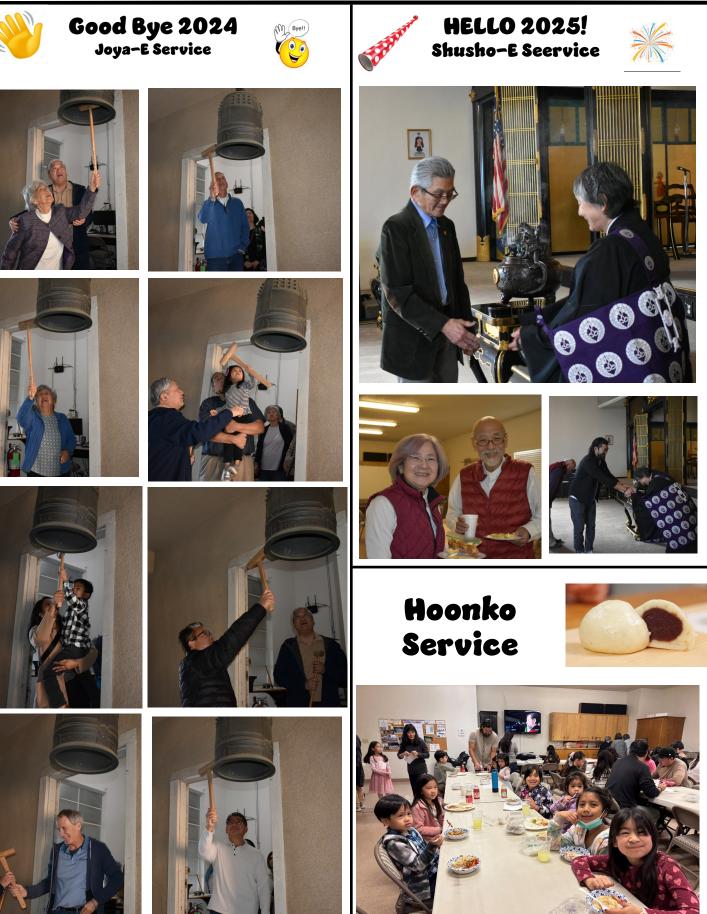














Dlease John 65th Annual Central California Buddhist Women's League 2025 Conference

# Everyone Has a

Story to Tell

Guest Speaker Rev. Candice Shibata

Sunday, March 9, 2025 Buddhist Church of Parlier

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

For more information contact: Lynne Yoshimoto - lynnemyo@gmail.com



#### Dharma Club Manju Making

Dharma School sponsored a Friday night manju making activity for the Dharma School students and friends!





## 2025 Camp Dharma at Camp Keola July 11 - 13, 2025 SAVE THE DATE:



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Yoga for Everyone of Any Age and Physical Conditions

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